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JOBS IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial sector has not been able to generate enought jobs in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said sector has shed more than 7 lakh jobs between 1998 and 2000;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase jobs in industrial sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): As per the sample surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organization (conducted every five years), the estimated number of workers in the manufacturing sector has gone up from 425 lakhs in 1993-94 to 481 lakhs in 1999-2000.

(b)to(d): Does not arise.

(e): The growth strategy of the Tenth Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors, which are most likely to create high quality employment opportunities. In order to enable the poor to access the opportunities and to ensure consistency between the requirement and availability of skills, emphasis will also be placed on skill development.